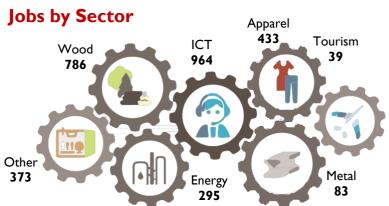


**USAID EMPOWER Private Sector** aims to create jobs by promoting firm-level competitiveness and building workforce skills in sectors with the highest potential for growth. Companies targeted for support are primarily in the wood, apparel, energy, ICT, tourism and metal sectors. This \$14.4M, five-year program started in July 2014.

# **Job Creation**

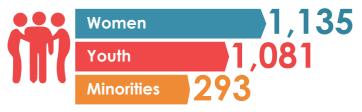
Job creation embodies USAID's successful implementation.





### lobs for Women and Youth

USAID strongly supports the concept that a country's real economic success depends on full integration of women, youth, and minorities in the workforce, at all sectors and levels.



#### Co-finance

USAID consistently seeks co-funding with other donor projects and Government of Kosovo (GoK) agencies engaged in private sector

development in Kosovo.

\$3.5MM disbursed by USAID

\$13.86MM leveraged by firms

To date ACTUAL 5.4x

364

## direct beneficiaries supported

### **Trainees**

Most of USAID's investments in Workforce Development are based on the potential for creating sustainable jobs during or shortly following the skillsrelated activity.

Attended training 1,868 1,136 Were employed Trainees completed internships /on the job training

### Sales Increase

364 direct beneficiaries attributed increased sales over their baseline sales of \$83.8MM versus the cumulative target of \$56MM through Y4.



# **Trade Fairs**

USAID supports beneficiaries to increase market opportunities through visits and exhibitions at trade fairs.

410 firms attended 55 fairs

Results from participation: Direct Sales: \$12.05MM **Projected Sales: \$23.05MM** 

\$1.52MM leveraged by collaborating institutions

Results through March 31st, 2018